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1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON
PRINCIPAL NEW ZEALAND DELEGATES (REF B) TO WCIWY:

HON WHETU TIRAKATENE-SULLIVAN-ONE OF FOUR WOMEN IN NZ
PARLIAMENT AND ONLY WOMAN IN CABINET. ENTERED PARLIAMENT
IN 1967. IN ADDITION TO TOURISM PORTFOLIO SHE IS ALSO
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. MRS. TIRAKATENE-SULLVIAN
HAS DEGREES IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON. SHE HAS A WIDE
RANGE OF INTERESTS INCLUDING CREATIVE DESIGN. MARRIED,
SHE HAS TWO YOUNG CHILDREN.

PRISCILLA WILLIAMS- A CAREER FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER,
MS WILLIAMS JOINED MFA IN 1961. PRIOR TO HER PRESENT
ASSIGNMENT AS HEAD OF THE MFA COUNSULAR DIVISION SHE
WAS FIRST SECRETARY IN THE GNZ MISSION TO THE UN.
SHE HAS ALSO SERVED IN KUALA LUMPUR.

MARGARET SHIELDS-A STATISTICIAN, MS. SHIELDS HAS
BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS SINCE 1966
WHEN SHE WAS A PRIME MOVER IN FOUNDING THE SOCIETY
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FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN. SHE HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN

LABOUR PARTY POLITICS AND HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS THE
PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THE WELLINGTON SEAT OF
KARORI. SHE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO TEENAGE CHILDREN.
SONJA DAVIES-AN ACTIVIST SINCE THE MIDDLE 1950S
WHEN SHE ORGANIZED A PROTEST TO PREVENT THE TEARING
UP OF A SECTION OF RAILWAY TRACK (TO KEEP THE WRECKING CREW FROM
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